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Chapter 40: Respiratory Support and Therapies

Student Assignment

Date: ______________ Name: _____________________________

MATCHING

Match each term with the correct definition.

a. Tracheostomy tube
b. Oropharyngeal airway
c. Endotracheal tube

1. Inserted through the mouth and into the pharynx
2. Inserted through the mouth or nose and into the trachea by a doctor using a lighted scope
3. Inserted through a surgically created opening into the trachea by a doctor

COMPLETION

1. If an airway comes out or is dislodged, you need to ____________________________.

2. Describe the three parts of a tracheostomy tube.
   a. The obturator

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   __________________________________________________________________________

   b. The inner cannula

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   __________________________________________________________________________

   c. The outer cannula

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3. A resident is too weak to cough. Why is suctioning used to remove secretions from the person’s airway?

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4. Why is it important to keep suction equipment and supplies at the bedside?

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5. An alarm sounds on a person’s mechanical ventilator. What is the *first* thing you should do?
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6. When can you reset alarms on a mechanical ventilator?
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7. A patient has chest tubes. What should you do if a chest tube comes out?
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